State of Maryland Board of Environmental Health Specialists



Open Session Agenda FEBRUARY 7, 2024 BOARD MEETING, GOOGLE VIRTUAL 10:00 AM

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Call to order – Matthew Cumers, Board Chair

Roll Call

ADJUSTMENTS AND ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

ITEM 1 Review for approval of Board Meeting Minutes

1(a). Open Session Minutes from the December 6, 2023 Board Meeting for review and approval. (Attachment)

ITEM 2 Board Chair Report

Matthew Cumers

<u>ITEM 3</u> Legislative/Regulations Committee: Matthew Cumers and Kevin Barnaba

3(a). SB 221

3(b). SB 222

(Attachments)

3(c). Position Paper SB 222

3(d). HB 642

3(e). Board Counsel Comment on HB642

3(f). Notice of Final Action Title 10 Subtitle 60 – Board Vote

ITEM 4 Executive Director Report James Merrow

- 4 (a). Statistics from the Licensing Database: to be updated
 - 1. Active Seasonal Certificates 33
 - 2. Active Licensed Environmental Health Specialists 482
 - 3. Active In-Training Certificates 135
 - 4. Active Certificate of Eligibility Certificates 213
- **4(b).** Number of Exam passing scores since the December 6, 2023 Meeting 6

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4(c). Number of failing scores since the December 6, 2023 Meeting - 4

ITEM 5 Credentialing

5(a).

Applicant applied and did not meet the 30 credit minimum requirement. Attached is the Board's review and a few course contents the applicant sent to the Board for full Board review of further applicable credits.

(Attachments)

5(b). Request for one time In-Training Certificate Extension – Meresa Adula (**Attachments**) Letter from Meresa Adula and supervisor.

<u>ITEM 6</u> Work Force Work Group: Naomi Howell, Bonnie Harbin and Mia Lowery 6(a). Update/Report

ITEM 7 Continuing Education Committee: Bonnie Harbin and Mia Lowery

7(a). Below are the approved training requests since the last meeting to be ratified at this meeting, this will be the last posting of training approval for the Board to ratify. The Board has adopted changes to its Continuing Education Regulations (COMAR 10.60.03). An email blast went out to all licensees with the new Continuing Education Regulations. Attached is a list of Pre-Approved training by Sponsor for the Board's review, addition etc.

Continuing Education for the full Board to Ratify since the December 6, 2023 Board Meeting

Course Title

Approved Credits

- 1. Conducting Private Well and Onsite Wastewater System Assessments 1
- 2. ServeSafe Food Protection Manager Certification 16
- 3. NCAEHA Fall Educational Conference 5.5
- 4. What Environmental Health Professionals Need to Know about Private Wells -2
- 5. Water Well Inspector Class 5
- 6. An Introduction to EPA's Enhanced Aquifer Recharge (EAR) Research 1
- 7. AEC 2021 Environmental Justice and Children's EH: Minnesota Healthy Housing Grants: Impacts, Successes, and Challenges .5
- 8. AEC 2021 Environmental Justice and Children's EH: ATSDR's Community Stress Resource Center .5
- 9. AEC 2021 Environmental Justice and Children's EH: Reaching Out Online: Virtual Public Engagement for Environmental Justice Communities .5
- 10. AEC 2021 General Environmental Health: Total Worker Health: Public Health Meets OSHA 1
- 11. AEC 2021 Environmental Justice and Children's EH: Playground Safety and Hazard Assessments within Tribal Communities .5
- 12. AEC 2021 General Environmental Health: Body Art Expert Panel: Industry and Regulators on Practical Use of Body Art Model Code and Annex Body Art Expert Panel: Industry and

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- Regulators on Practical Use of Body Art Model Code and Annex 1AEC 2021 General Environmental Health: Incorporating Bias-Free Language in Your Communications .5
- 13. AEC 2021- General Environmental Health: Meet the NEHA History Makers,,,Living History
 Then and Now 1
- 14. AEC 2021 General Environmental Health: Lessons Learned in Water, Sanitation, and Hygiene During the COVID-19 Pandemic 1
- 15. AEC 2021 General Environmental Health: Noise and Health .5
- 16. AEC 2021 Infectious and Vectorborne Diseases: COVID-19 Impacts to the Environmental Health Field 1
- 17. AEC 2021 Infectious and Vectorborne Diseases: Advising the Public on Ventilation and Surface Sanitizing for COVID-19 .5
- 18. AEC 2021 Water Quality: NCEH-Legionnaires' Disease Health Disparities: A Social Determinants of Health Perspective .5
- 19. AEC 2021 Water Quality: From Septic Systems to Harmful Algal Blooms New Approaches to Manage Public Health Challenges 1
- 20. Well Care 101- What You Need to Know to Protect Your Family 2
- 21. Western Maryland GIS Users Group 3
- 22. Digital Defense Water: Community Coronavirus Tracking by Monitoring Sewage .5
- 23. Digital Defense Water: Looking to the Horizon. Emerging Issues in Water Quality and Public Health 1
- 24. Digital Defense Water: What's NOWRA Done for You Lately? .5
- 25. Digital Defense Water: Best Practices for Restarting Your Building's Water System 1
- 26. Digital Defense Water: Factors Affecting Bacterial Occurrence and Variability in Private Drinking Water Wells .5
- 27. Digital Defense Water: PFAS. A Historical Perspective and Overview of Best Available Treatment Methods .5
- 28. RPSS 2022 Day 1 Track 1 Roadmap for Success with RPS; Why Enroll in RPS? 1
- 29. RPSS 2022 Day 1 General Session 2
- 30. RPSS 2022 Day 1 Track 3 Sustaining RPS Activities/Having a Succession Plan 1
- 31. Digital Defense Water: Coronavirus and Wastewater Disinfection 1
- 32. Digital Defense Water: COVID-19 Considerations for Public Aquatic Venues .5
- 33. RPSS 2022 Day 1 Track 2 Technology to Assist with Maintenance of RPS Records/Supporting Docs 1
- 34. Digital Defense Food Safety: FDA Retail Standards Funding Today and the Future .5
- 35. Digital Defense Food Safety: Retail Food Virtual Inspections .5
- 36. Digital Defense Food Safety: Welcome From the Food and Drug Administration/FDA Office of State Cooperative Programs. Ada[ting to Challenges and Building for the Future .5
- 37. New Research Insights: Mosquito Surveillance in Southern Nevada 1
- 38. Digital Defense Food Safety: FDA and NEHA. Entering a New Era of Smarter Food Safety Together .5

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- 39. Digital Defense Food Safety: Disclosing Inspection Results at Point-of-Service: Impact on Foodborne Illness Outcomes .5
- 40. Healthy Wells 1
- 41. Rodent Population Growth in a Bait-Centric Intervention 1
- 42. Critical Restaurant Ratings Are Confusing: Benefits of Standardization 1
- 43. The Story of Standardization Not Just the What but the How and the Who 1
- 44. On Alert Monitoring Wisconsin Carbon Monoxide Poisonings with an Active Alert System 1
- 45. Impress Citizens, Drive Results: A How-To on the LIVES Restaurant Inspection Standards 1
- 46. Vector and Pest Control: Integrated Mosquito Management 1
- 47. 2023 Eastern Milk Seminar 15.75
- 48. 2024 Inspector Boot Camp 4
- 49. Allergen Management in the Food Industry 1
- 50. Safe Flour Handling: Know Your "Roll" 1

ITEM 8 Status of Certificates and Licenses Processed:

8(a). Initial Licenses Issued (7)

- 1. Tobias Allen (10-28-23 exam)
- 2. Nadia Kendall-Diaz (12-10-16 exam)
- 3. Jasmine Copeland (11-3-23 exam)
- 4. Karen Warpinski (11-17-23 exam)
- 5. Eli Reed (12-12-23 exam)
- 6. Andy Fanfan (Title 21-306 Waiver of examination of persons registered in other states)
- 7. Jessica Gregory (1-11-24 exam)

8(b). License Reactivation (1)

1. Josephene Smythe-Brown

8(c). Certificates of Eligibility Issued (14)

- 1. Sidney Cromwell
- 2. Heather Flaherty
- 3. Udeme Olaniyan
- 4. Benjamin Donofrio
- 5. Kelsey Owens
- 6. Alexis Phillips

Kaitlin Woolery

- 7. Christian Nwaukwa
- 8. Denise Jackson
- 9. Ashley Dennis
- 10. Zapporah Ellis
- 11. Logan Hatcher

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- 12. Agnes Brooke
- 13. Heather-Ryan Knuckey
- 14. Jonathan Evans

8(d). In-Training Certificates Issued (10)

- 1. Nancy Le
- 2. Bethany Carty
- 3. Kaylee Henson
- 4. Bethany Otwell
- 5. Katie Outten
- 6. Rachael Bamgboye
- 7. Jonathan Evans
- 8. Zapporah Ellis
- 9. Jessee Johnson
- 10. Ashley Barnes

8(e). Seasonal/Summer/Youth Camp In-Training Certificates (0)

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